BALTIMORE CITY--COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR:12

AREA: Madison Square-Oliver Historic District

SURVEY NO.:B-3978 MAGI NO.:0439785608

ADDRESS:1530 East Preston Street

CURRENT NAME: Cornerstone Baptist Church

BLOCK:1150 LOT:11

LOT SIZE:54'7" x 901'

HEIGHT: MATERIALS: Brick

CONDITION: Good OWNER: Cornerstone Baptist Church, Inc.

ADDRESS:1530 E. Preston St.

USE: Religious Structure

DESIGNATION:

ACCESSIBLE:Yes, restricted LIBER/FOLIO:RHB 2940-607

HISTORIC NAME: Mt. Lebanon M. P. Church

DATE:[ca. 1885] ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):

DESCRIPTION:

Mt. Lebanon M. P. Church, located at the northwest corner of Preston and Bond Streets in the Oliver Planning District of east Baltimore, Maryland, is a rectangular two story brick ecclesiastic building with an open eaves gable roof. The building is now completely covered with formstone, including the window arches and lintels. The ground floor or Sunday School level has rectangular double hung sash windows. Each are under a blind round arch. The first floor or church level has thin round-head double hung sash windows. The semicircular arch above the windows is raised. Each window is located in a large recessed rectangle. The main entrance is located in the base of the facade's central entrance tower. The tower has angle buttresses. The main entrance has its original double wooden doors. The doors are under a semicircular fanlight and arch with raised keystone. Above the entryway is a rose window within a raised circle with four raised keystones. Continuing up the tower is a round-head stained glass window under a rounded arch. Below the tower's roof line are two thin round-head louvered windows. On each side of the tower is a thin round-head double hung sash window at the first floor and a wide louvered round-head window at the top. Each side of the square tower is topped with a small gable that contains a trefoil. The tower has a conical octagonal roof topped with a finial.

SIGNIFICANCE:

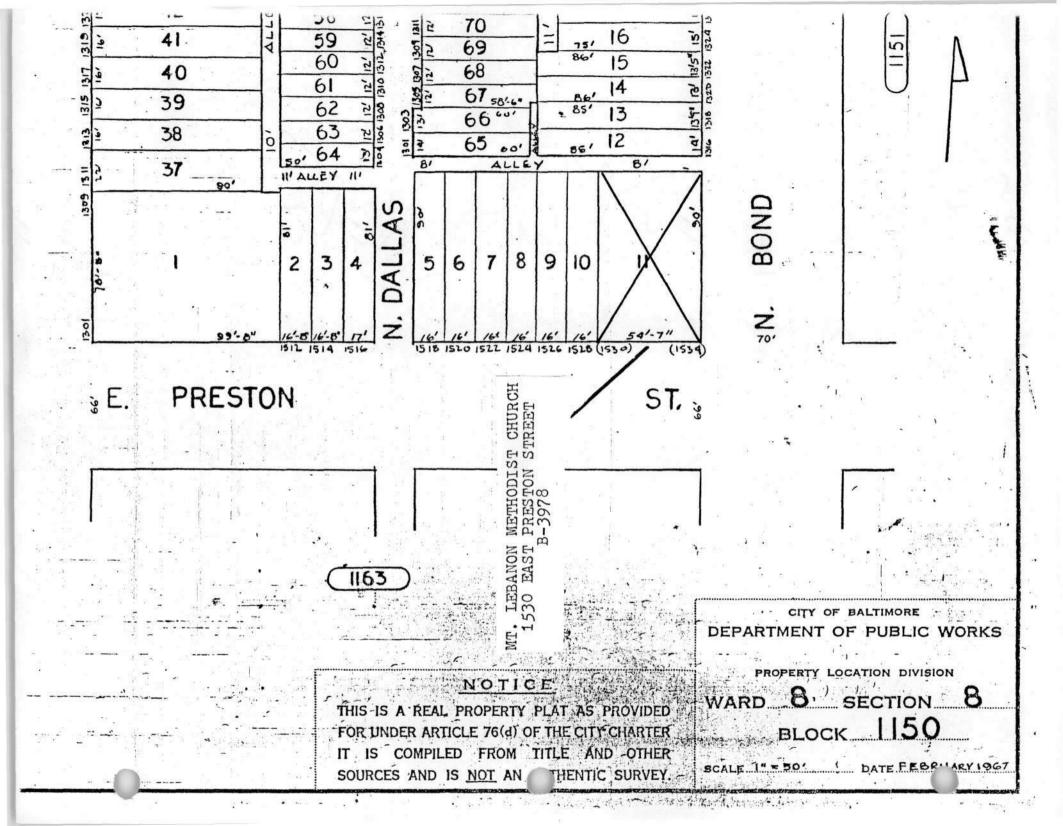
AREA: Architecture

LEVEL:Local

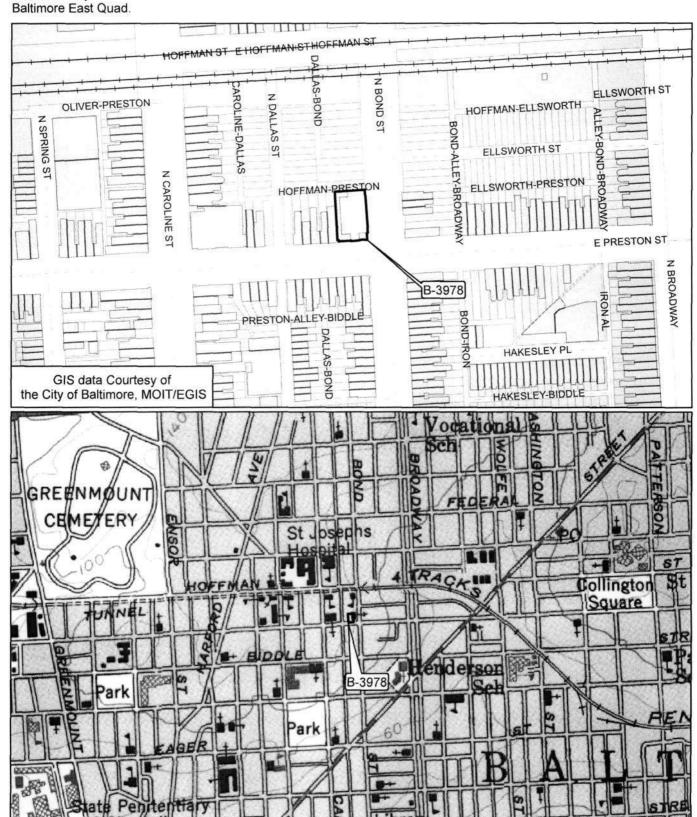
Mt. Lebanon is a contributing structure to the Madison Square-Oliver District. It has architectural significance as a distinct building type, a church. A history of the Harford Avenue M.E. Church traces Mt. Lebanon's origins back to 1872-3 when a group of Harford Avenues's members broke with the church and began their own congregation, Mt. Lebanon. In 1942, however, at the time of its merger with Monument Memorial Methodist Church Mt. Lebanon was referred to as a 113 year old congregation. The present Preston St. church was not the first building used by the Mt. Lebanon Congregation. The first building was called "Slab Chapel". After their merger Mt. Lebanon and Monument took the name Northwood Methodist and moved to Loch Raven Boulevard. In 1949 the Church was renamed Northwood-Appold after Columbian Avenue and Appold Methodist joined the merger. The church was sold to the black Southern Baptist Church who held the building until 1972 when it was sold to the Cornerstone Baptist Church.

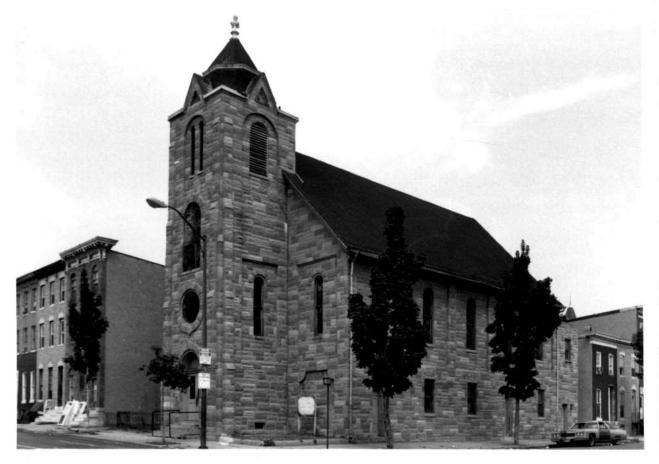
SOURCES: Baltimore City Directories.; Harford Avenue M. E. Church 1935 Year Book.

SURVEYOR AND DATE: Mary K. Mannix, September 1987



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Block 1150, Lot 011
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Mt. Lebanon M.P. Church 1530 East Preston Street Baltimore, Moryland Photographer: Janet Davis July 1987 Neg. loc Md. SHPO Southeast corner view

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